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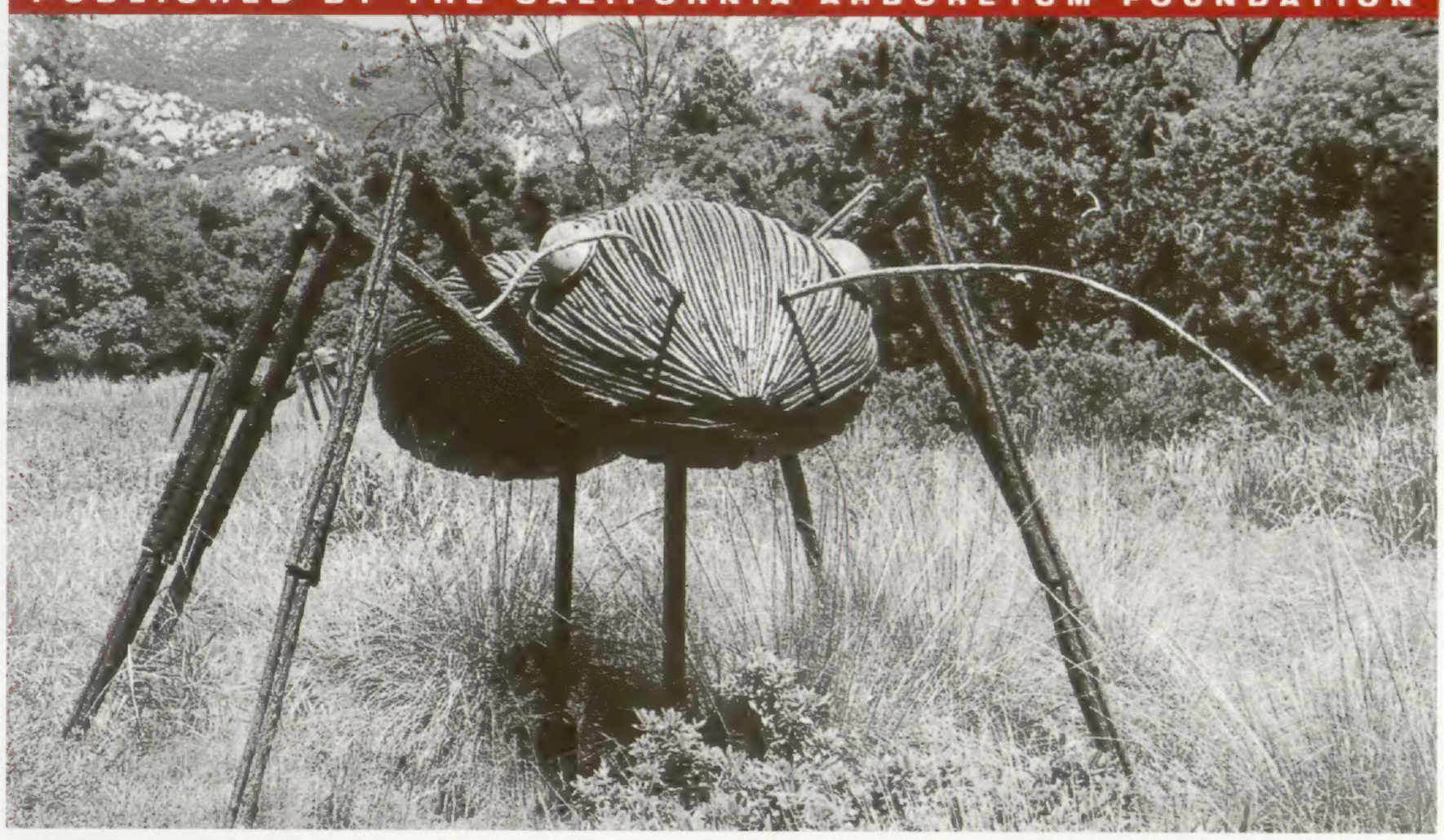

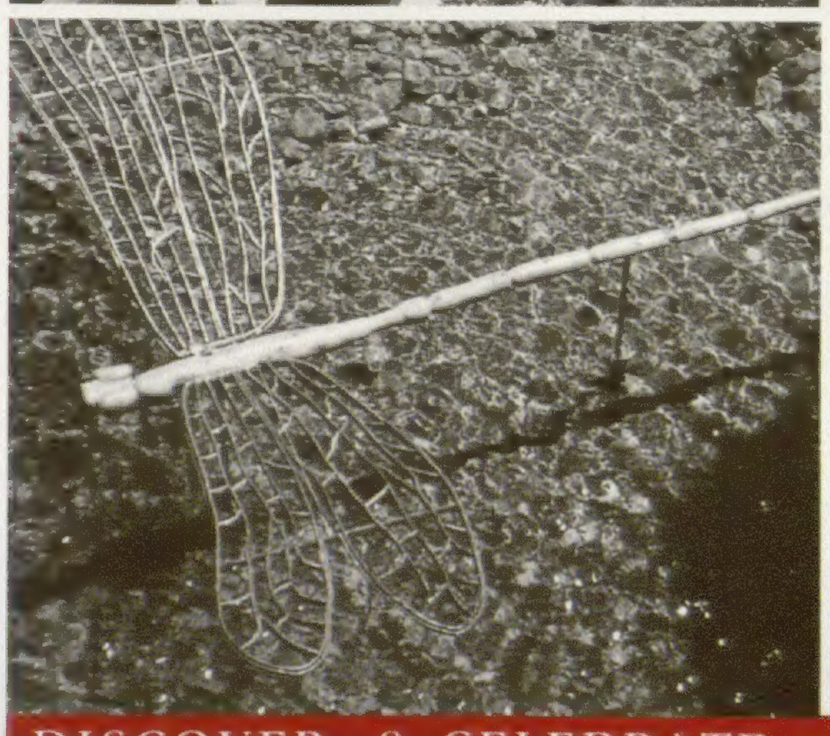

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ART AND THE GARDEN

My long tenure as the Botanical Curator of the Donald M. Kendall Sculpture Gardens at PepsiCo's World Headquarters offered me incredibly unique experiences. The 168-acre campus not only incorporated forty-five world renown sculptures but those grounds were also perceived as an art form.

This concept and the subject of this article focus upon the endless possibilities that are before us at The Arboretum.

What we have is such an exciting and boundless place to work, visit and be part of that our future is only limited by our own creativity.

Just after the New Year, I met Bret Price and his wife Rae Lynn. I knew of Mr. Price's work while working at PepsiCo. There, they had his sculpture piece, Big Scoop, beautifully displayed among young magnolia trees. His medium has included ceramic and steel. Bret and Rae Lynn live in Orange, California, and his aunt is the very talented Gina Shaw, one of our very own Los Voluntarios. Discussions began, visits to The Arboretum ensued and a relationship was struck. Both Bret and Rae Lynn are fabulous people who want to assist The Arboretum however they can. They share with me the vision that The Arboretum is a place that is many things.

The Arboretum is first and foremost an educational facility. Our mission is education. This statement is inclusive of many things, not the least of which is a garden in which there is art — that is, the garden as art, the display of sculptures as another art form. The development of these two concepts is very exciting…to educate, both passively and overtly, our visitors (that includes you and me) about the world of garden as art and the sculptures within, can be a very rewarding proposition. Think of the possibilities: not only will we build a meaningful sculpture collection, expand our educational programs to include art and associated subjects, but also have more artful gardens by artists who are more artful, not necessarily just a display of plant materials.

On another note, the Baldwin Bonanza was a fantastic success. This show of support from our community, staff and volunteers is truly a phenomenon. Thanks to the great efforts of all, especially Chairperson Marcia Bent, Sylvia Guerrero, Gwen Hartley, and Suzanne Haller and Los Vols.

Our next big event is David Rogers' BIG BUGS. This sculpture display of really large insects is coupled with many events, family happenings, a Big Bug-A-Boo Fest, Maize Maze and a multitude of other educational programs. It should really catch the eye of many folks in our region. This will be a great opportunity for us to show the public what we are, where we are and who we are. So, please spread the word and tell all you know about this event and suggest that they'll want to visit several times, and it might be prudent to join our membership. You know that as members you can visit The Arboretum as often as you like.

So, I think the future is brighter than ever. Thanks to collaborations with more and more people. Thanks to Bret and Rae Lynn Price, the designers of our new *Sunset* Magazine Demonstration Gardens, David Rogers and the future folk who will share our vision and help propel The Arboretum into this new century.

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Words from
George A. Brumder, New Foundation President

This is an this important time for The Arboretum: Now under the joint direction of the County and the Foundation, with Peter Atkins serving in the new position of Arboretum-wide CEO and with a far-ranging and aggressive new Five-year Plan recently approved by the Foundation's trustees and, we believe, moving toward approval by the County Board of Supervisors, *The Arboretum has entered a new era of creativity, enthusiasm and growth.*

A few words about The Arboretum's Five-year Plan:

• The Plan — which touches all aspects of The Arboretum - declares The Arboretum an educational institution, thus putting education first and foremost at The Arboretum.

• The Plan also envisions substantial investment in infrastructure, extensive renovation of existing facilities and gardens, innovation in all areas, and renewed efforts to reach out to the entire Southern California community and beyond.

• In carrying out its mission, The Arboretum will be an active advocate for the world of plants, for increased public understanding of the importance of plants, and for sound conservation and ecological policies and practices.

You'll hear more about the Plan as we move forward.

A word about staffing at The Arboretum: I am most pleased to say that, after a period of budgetary stringency at the County, The Arboretum is now looking to fill as soon as possible a number of positions in the gardens and on the grounds. In addition, we are building our fundraising capacity at The Arboretum. With a strengthened staff and more funding, you should be on the lookout for further improvements around The Arboretum.

A word of thanks to my predecessor, Donivee Nash. We all owe Donivee a large debt of gratitude. During her time on the Foundation board, and especially as board president for the last three years, Donivee personally played a leading and, in fact, critical role in bringing about two historic changes at The Arboretum - first, the arrangements under which the County and the Foundation share equally in the governance of The Arboretum and second, the creation of the position of The Arboretum-wide CEO, now held by Peter Atkins. These changes, which represent a turning-point at The Arboretum, have built a solid foundation for strong, positive developments at The Arboretum. I also note that our Five-year Plan had its birth during Donivee's term as board president.

Please join me in enthusiastic applause to Donivee to thank her for her role in these accomplishments and for all her other good, focused and effective work for The Arboretum!

I am both honored and pleased to be the new president of the Foundation board of trustees. I look forward to working with my fellow trustees, with the County and with Peter - and with all of you - *to help The Arboretum become a leader among the world's botanic gardens and arboreta and a truly world class arboretum for Southern California.*

Thank you,
George A. Brumder

OCTOBER 11 - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

A Day at Mourning Cloak Ranch and Botanical Garden

Butterflies, a Botanical Garden and Apple Harvest Time will fill your day on this delightful trip to Mourning Cloak Ranch near Tehachapi, CA. Over 2200 different plant species from all over the world have transformed this naturally lovely landscape into an international botanical wonderland.

Mourning Cloak Ranch (named for the Mourning Cloak butterfly, native to the area) is also home to many glorious butterflies!

The Painted Lady, Monarch and Western Tiger Swallowtail butterflies will be in abundance in the gardens, and we will learn more detail about the butterfly and its habits with all the actual specimens fluttering in full view!

It is also APPLE HARVEST TIME in Tehachapi. Varieties available include Delicious, Golden Delicious, Gala, Fuji and Mutsu.

Space is limited, so call for reservations today. Meet at The Arboretum Entrance. Bus will leave The Arboretum promptly at 8:00 am. Cost is $45 members/$60 non-members.

SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1

Gardening Under Mediterranean Skies

A stellar lineup of speakers from the Mediterranean and from Northern and Southern California headline this two day event sponsored by Pacific Horticulture Symposium and The Arboretum of Los Angeles County. The lineup includes:

• Alessandra Vinciquerra, Supervisor of the Gardens at the American Academy in Rome, will speak on contemporary Italian gardens.

• Nick Turland, of the Missouri Botanical Garden, will introduce participants to the horticultural treasures found in the floras of the Mediterranean basin.

• California landscape architects Russ Beatty and Bob Perry will explore the meanings of "mediterranean" in their keynote presentation.

• Mike Evans of Tree of Life Nursery will deliver the inspirational finale.

In addition to the lectures, nearly a dozen workshops are on the agenda. Participants will also be able to explore sections of The Arboretum with the experts. Exhibits from some of California's best nurseries offering native mediterranean plants will provide a wealth of information on designing mediterranean gardens. Plants will be available for purchase during the two days.

The cost for the two-day symposium is $150.00 for members and $175.00 for non-members before September 1, 2000. After September 1, the registration fee is $175.00 for members and $200.00 for non-members. Reservations are a must. Call 626-821-4624.

AUGUST 14 THRU NOVEMBER 30

BIG BUGS AT THE ARBORETUM

TOO BIG TO MISS AND ONLY AT THE ARBORETUM.

WE'RE OFFICIALLY GOING BUGGY ON AUGUST 14.

We've got Ants in our plants. Bugs in our bed. We're going buggy and we want you to join us. Come on over and visit the newest members of The Arboretum staff!

Best of all, these "BIG BUGS" haven't come empty handed. Every Sunday afternoon we'll be bugging you with loads of special lectures, workshops, crafts and activities for the whole family, because…

Sundays are "BIG BUGS" Family Day at The Arboretum.

From 1:00 to 4:00 PM each Sunday special activities and educational programs for the entire family are planned. Event highlights throughout the exhibit months will include insect activity workshops, insect identification and demonstration programs, arts and crafts, storytelling, poetry readings, plays, contests and much more fun for the whole family.

Specific Sunday programs and activity schedules will be featured on The Arboretum website www.arboretum.org posted at The Arboretum entrance and in our member newsletters.

Reservations may be necessary for selected events. In the event of rain, Sunday programs will be cancelled.

Join us for our "BIG BUGS" Invasion Kick-off Events.

Join us for a "WALK & TALK WITH DAVID ROGERS", and meet the very talented artist of the "BIG BUGS". A special session is planned on Tuesday, August 15 at 9:30 AM for members only.

His fantastic wood sculptures are actually made from whole trees and forest findings. David will lead you on a special introduction to the bugs, which he placed in appropriate surroundings throughout The Arboretum.

Be sure to wear walking shoes, a hat and bring water. Meet at the Tram Stop by the Gift Shop at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, August 15. No fee or reservation is necessary.

On Sunday, August 20, the Ants lead the way, as our Weekend Family Days begin.

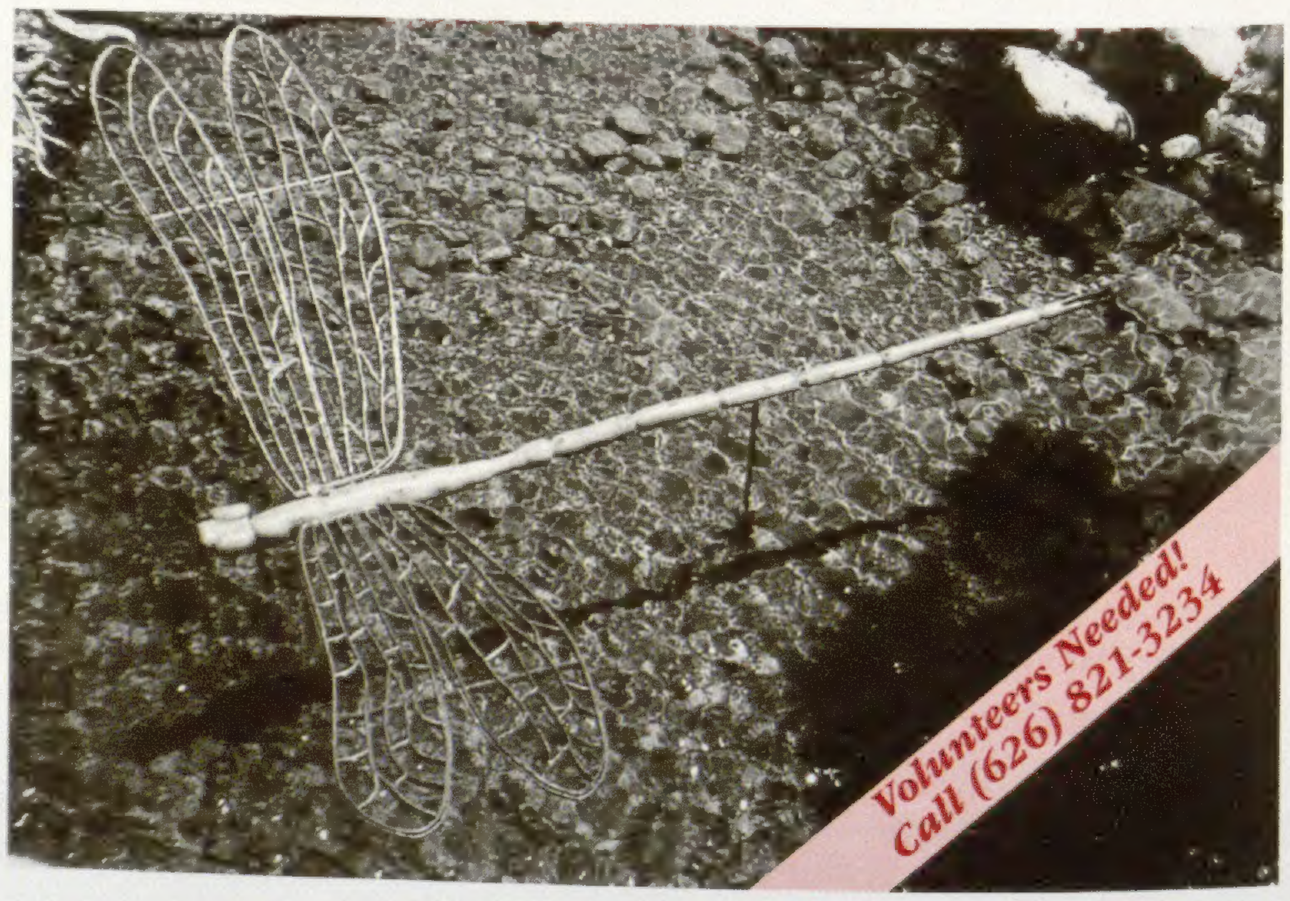
"Its Good to Be An Ant" - Kidspace's hilarious new play about life in an ant colony, direct from its July 2000 world premiere at the Ford Amphitheater in Los Angeles starts our celebration.

Centered on a crafty wood louse that tries to sneak into the ant colony, children get to meet Queen Ant, braggart Soldier Ant, and sophisticated Builder Ant and learn how ants work together in their community. The audience will get to act as a "fourth actor" and participate throughout the show.

Play performances are at 1:30 PM and 2:30 PM on the big lawn under the trees near the Bauer Pool fountain, right by our 3 visiting giant ants. An "Interactive Ants" presentation by Kidspace follows each 30-minute play.

Children will be able to participate in the program and "become" the different ants in the colony. Learning about ant anatomy and

Come meet a dragonfly with a wingspan longer than a car.



Help us name our 1200-pound praying mantis.

different ant species, performing an ant chant and listening to an ant poem are all part of the program that will be led by Kidspace regal "Queen Ant" character.

Fifteen Sundays of Fun

Each of the "BIG BUGS" will be celebrated during the exhibit and a special "BIG BUGS" Olympic Festival is planned for kids of all ages. The individual Sunday celebrations are scheduled as follows:

August 27: Grasshoppers
September 3: Spider
September 10: "BIG BUGS" Olympics
September 17: LadyBug "Picnic with the Ants" Family Fun Night
September 24: Bees
October 1: Butterfly
October 8: Praying Mantis
October 15: Damselfly
October 22: Bees
October 29: "BIG BUG-A-BOO FEST"
November 5: Dragonfly
November 12: Grasshopper
November 19: Assassin Bug
November 26: Bug Going Away Party

Don't miss the "BIG BUG-A-BOO FEST"

A "BIG BUG-A-BOO FEST" extravaganza is scheduled for Sunday, October 29. All 11 "BIG BUGS" will be celebrated during The Arboretum's very own Halloween weekend, including the Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest and Pumpkin Parade.

Find out where the giant spider has set up shop, waiting to entangle you in its web!

Our gift shop is joining in the "BIG BUGS" celebration too. Be sure to stop by and see our BIG collection of BUGGY items. We'll have BUG-theme stickers, games, hats, insect candy (no real bugs inside), books, posters, and much more.

Get ready for a BIG calendar of activities at The Arboretum this fall.

Our California Arboretum Foundation members will get "bugged" first, so be sure to keep your membership current. Encourage your friends to join now, too. Everyone will want to visit The Arboretum often to experience and enjoy all of these exciting events. All events are free with membership in the California Arboretum Foundation or admission to The Arboretum. Family memberships are $55/year. Admission to the Arboretum is $5.00 Adults, $3.00 Seniors and Students, $1 Children 5-12.

Three 700 pound 25 foot long ants are waiting to greet you when you arrive.

Visit Often!

So plan to visit us often in the coming months. Take a leisurely walk through our BIG gardens and grounds and see our "BIG BUGS". Be sure to keep an eye out for our magnificent guests. You never know who or what you might meet near trees, in grass, behind shrubs, among flowers and even in the air!

Be ready to hop with our grasshopper sporting 11-foot long legs.

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Los Vols Elect New Officers,

Virginia Stein is the New President

Virginia Stein of Arcadia has been elected president of Los Voluntarios, the volunteer support group of The Arboretum. She succeeds Bill Bochte, also of Arcadia.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska, Virginia came to California in 1945. She and her husband, Charles, both worked for the Pacific Electric Railroad before retirement. They share a love for gardens, which takes them to visit botanical areas wherever they travel. Three times a year they visit their condominium in Kauai, Hawaii's Garden Island, where Virginia is active on her condominium board of directors.

Virginia's volunteering at The Arboretum began by working in Botanical Information. For three years she was Volunteer Coordinator, and in 1984 she chaired the Baldwin Bonanza. She served as Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chairman and First Vice-president of Los Voluntarios.

Looking forward to her presidency, Virginia would like to see Los Vols become a little better organized. Woe to the volunteer who forgets to wear his or her badge on the grounds! She dreams of Los Vol becoming computer-literate. E-mail communication would really increase efficiency.

Serving with the new president will be June Bottcher of Altadena, first vice-president; Jeannine Kiertzner of Temple City, second vice president; Gina Shaw of Baldwin Park, Secretary; and Shirley McGillicuddy of Sierra Madre, Treasurer.

The three hundred members of Los Voluntarios contribute 30,000 hours of volunteer service annually to The Arboretum.

By Eileen Ames

Educational Wish List

If you would like to donate any of the following items from our "wish list of needs" please call Jill Berry at 626-821-4624.

- Vacuum cleaner,
- Redwood tables and benches for Roots & Shoots
- Laminating Machine
- New printer for Visitors Center
- File Cabinets
- Overhead Projector
- Laser pointer for slide projector
- 4 ft x 6 ft erasable board for wall in old CAF building for teaching classes
- Lapel microphone and system for lectures and events
- Portable system for events such as "BIG BUGS" and The Mediterranean Symposium
- Acrylic literature racks for class and event flyers
- Dark green washable tablecloths

What's in Bloom?

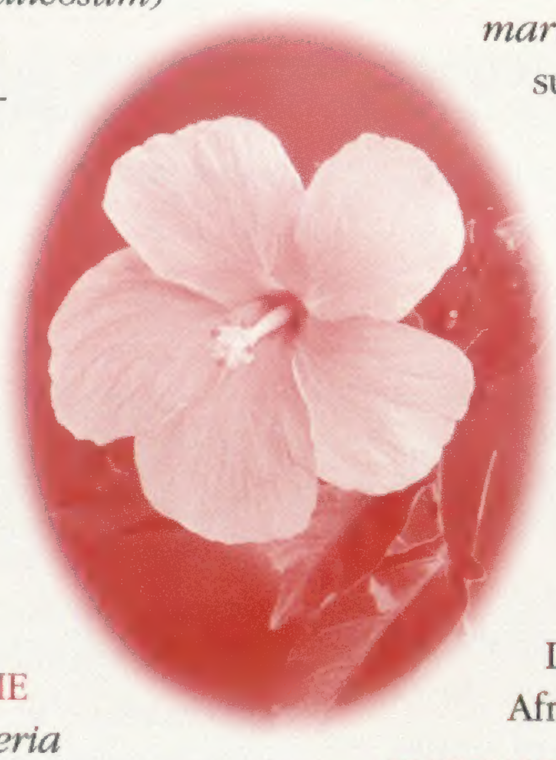
August & September

The following plants will be in bloom over the next few months:

CRAPE MYRTLE (*Lagerstroemia*), a small, multi-trunked tree covered with large clusters of crimson, magenta, lavender, bright pink, or white flowers according to which of our 22 different varieties you see.

BELLADONNA (*Amaryllis belladonna*) is located under the Crape myrtle west of the Bauer Pool.

CHAMELEON VINE (*Combretum fruticosum*) has spectacular brush-like flowers that turn from greenish-yellow to orange. It can be found on the Nursery fence and in the Tropical Rain Forest.



CHINESE FLAME TREE (*Koelreuteria bipinnata*) is now starting to show its pink seed capsules. Seven of these beautiful trees grace The Arboretum, one located near the Peacock Cafe.

THE GOLD MEDALLION TREES, blooming since mid-June, are excellent trees for long lasting mid-summer color. We have seven of these trees, many on Tallac Knoll.

LILY-OF-THE-NILE (*Agapanthus*) Arboretum introductions include 'Queen Anne' and 'Rhapsody'.

NASTURTIUM BAUHINIA (*Bauhinia punctata*) is a tropical and subtropical African relative of the Orchid tree.

KAHILI GINGER (*Hedychium gardneranum*), on the north end of Baldwin Lake, abounds in and around the Tropical Rain Forest. Seven other species of *Hedychium* are located in various protected locations around The Arboretum.

HARPULLIA ARBOREA, near Meyberg Falls, is a cold-hardy native of India and Malaysia recognized by its bright orange seed capsules and shiny jet-black seeds hanging from its canopy.

SEA SQUILL (*Urginea maritima*) is a summer-dormant bulb plant that is native to the Canary Islands. It comes into bloom with 3-4 foot spikes of white flowers just before fall. Look for it in the African Section.

HAEMANTHUS COCCINEUS'S crimson red flowers grace the African section.

LYCORIS varieties bloom along the road near the intersection west of the Bauer Pool.

ORANGE JESSAMINES (*Murraya paniculata*) just to the west of Meyberg Falls.

HIBISCUS ROSA-SINENSIS is in bloom at the top of Tallac Knoll. Also at the top of the knoll, growing on the rim of a bowl-shaped area, *Coffea arabica*, the Coffee plant, can be seen covered in fragrant white blooms.

And, don't forget to stop by the Victorian Rose Garden!

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CALLING ALL BUG FANS!

Get "Buggy" at The Arboretum Gift Shop

We are joining in the "BIG BUGS" Celebration too. Be sure to stop by our BIG collection of BUGGY items. We'll have BUG-theme stickers, games, hats, insect candy (no real bugs inside), books, posters, and much more. Did you know that there are still several million unnamed insects waiting to be discovered in some remote parts of the tropics? Besides the pesky mosquito, itchy ants and crawly pillbug, many insects are helpful and provide us with various benefits such as honey or silk made from silkworms' cocoons.

Our gift shop is also featuring several types of orchids: *Ladyslipper, Phalaenopsis, Dendrobium* and others—come and see their exotic shapes and add to your collection. Come in and learn how many orchids resemble insects and actually depend on flying insects to help pollinate their flowers. Their mutual survival depends on this interesting relationship.

We also stock cactus and succulents on a regular basis and welcome special orders and your plant questions. We can help you troubleshoot problems with your houseplants at no charge. Please stop by and visit the gift shop staff and make your stay a pleasant one.

Welcome

New & Renewing Members

April 1 – May 31, 2000

The California Arboretum Foundation welcomes new members and renewing members to The Arboretum family. A sincere thank you to everyone listed here!

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ADMISSION: $5 Adults,
$3 Students and Seniors,
$1 Children 5-11,
Free for children under 5
and Arboretum members